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Development Department.

Letter No. 30221/A.IV/48-4.

From

Sri. C.V. Narasimhan, I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

Sri. R. Suryanarayana Rao, B.A., M.L.A.,
20, Edward Elliot Road,
Mylapore, Madras.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 7th July 1948.

Sir,

Sub:- Legislative Council Question (Starred) Question No. 133 regarding tractors, pumps, jeeps, etc acquired from Thompson Disposals and other sources.

I am directed to state that in view of the prorogation of the Madras Legislative Council with effect on and from 24th May 1948, your starred question No. 133 on the above subject could not be answered on the floor of the House. I am however to forward herewith a copy of the answer together with a copy of the statement which it was proposed to lay on the table of the House, for your information.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) C.V. Narasimhan,
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION NO. 133 (STARRED)

(By Sri. R. Suryanarayana Rao, M.L.C.).

Will the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of pumps, tractors, jeeps, etc. from th Thompson Disposals Committee and the actual amount paid for these;

(b) whether further purchase of tractors, pumps, etc. have been made besides those from the Thompson Disposals Committee;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative what those purchases and the amount spent on the purchases are;

(d) whether any of these Pumps, tractors, etc. have been sold to ryots for their use and if so, what the amount realised is;

(e) whether any of these pumps, tractors, etc. are hired out for the use of ryots and if so, what the terms of such hire are;

(f) what the staff employed is for the maintenance of

pumps, tractors, etc; and

(g) the area brought under cultivation by the use of pumps, tractors, etc.?

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ANSWER.

(a) The information is furnished in Part I of the Statement laid on the Table.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d):- The information is furnished in Part II of the statement laid on the Table.

(e) Yes. The terms of hire are given Part III of the statement laid on the Table.

(f) Part IV of the Statement gives the information; and

(g) Part V of the statement gives the information.

(C.V. Narasimhan),
Deputy Secretary to Government.

(The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble Sri. K. Madhava Menon, Minister for Agriculture).

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The Public (Elections) Department (2 copies).

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Madras Record Office

Paper to be placed on the Table of the House.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION NO. 133 (STARRED) -- SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO.

(Particulars of agricultural machinery purchased by Government)

I.

Number of pumps, tractors, jeeps, etc., acquired from Thompson Disposals Committee and the cost paid for them.

Articles.	Numbers.	Cost.
Petrol pumping sets.	174.	at Rs. 660/- each; 42- Price still under correspondence with the Director-General of Disposals, New Delhi.
Oil engines.	47.	Still under correspondence with th Director-General of Disposals, New Delhi.
Tractors and bull dozers.	40. *Caterpillar tractors. 3 Tractor ploughs. 2 Tractor harrows. 5 Mobile repair and welding trucks. 1 Mobile crane.	Rs. 9,54,106. *Four of them have since been ordered to be transferred to the Public Works Department.
Jeeps.	30.	Rs. 3,24,000.
Lorries.	40.	

Number of pumps, tractors, etc. purchased from Thompson Disposals and other sources and number sold.

ems of chinery.	Number purchased.	Source of purchase.	Amount spent.	Number sold to ryots.	Amount realized.
Tractors	40	Thompson Disposa ls.	Rs.7,20,974	Four sold to Public Works Department.	Rs. 83,293.
-do-	47	Volkart Brothers.	Rs.4,00,564	Intended for	
-do-	3	Simson and Company.	Rs. 26,000	hire to ryots.	
Petrol pumpsets.	174	Thompson Disposals.	Rs. 1,29,120. roughly.	190.	Rs. 2,09,000.
-do-	618	From America through Director-General of Industries & Supplies.	Rs.4,98,400.		
Oil Engines.	47	Thompson Disposals.	Rs.1,92,700.	38	1,18,600.
Coventry Club Diesel engines.	128.	Messrs. Parry and Company.	Rs.2,58,560	128	2,67,712.
High Speed Diesel engines.	13.	Southern Command.	Rs. 62,400	2 1	9,600. Sold to P.W.D. others on hire.
Pelapone engines.	11.	Messrs. William Jacks and Company.	Rs. 34,067.	11	39,270.
A.B.C.Units.	15	Messrs. A.C.E.C., India Limited.	Rs. 35,230.	8	16,144.
Tractor trailer pumps.	20	Messrs. P.S.G.& Sons.	Rs. 10,700.	..	On hire.

III.

Terms of hire of pumpsets and tractors.

Items of machinery.		Normal rates.	Concessional rates(sanction will expire by 30th September 1948).
Petrol pump sets.		Re.1 per day, subject to a maximum of Rs. 20/- per mensem.	8 annas per day or Rs. 10/- per month.
Oil Engine		Rs. 3 per day or Rs.75/- per month or Rs. 200 for 3 months.	Re. 1 per day.
Tractors and bull dozers	For tractor ploughing.		Rs. 5/- per acre.
	For tractor harrowing.		Rs. 3/- per acre.
	For bull dozing:-		
	(a) For D.4 units.		Rs. 5/- per hour.
	(b) For D. 6 units.		Rs. 7/- per hour.
	(c) For D. 7 units.		Rs. 9/- per hour.

IV.

Staff employed for the maintenance of pumps, tractors, etc.

Pumpsets:- One or two Agricultural Engineering Supervisors for each district according to the volume of work in the district, besides pumping drivers.

Tractors:- Two drivers and two cleaners for each tractor besides one Tractor Foreman and one Assistant Foreman who are also in charge of ploughing implements and tackle.

Area brought under cultivation by the use of pumps, tractors, etc.

Particulars.	Year.	Area in acres.
1. Tractor ploughing.	1945-46.	1,507.
	1946-47.	4,620.
	1947-48 (first 5 months).	3,569.
2. Tractor harrowing.	1945-46.	NIL.
	1946-47.	305.
	1947-48. (first 5 months).	499.
3. Area levelled, cleared and excavated with bull dozers.	1946-47.	1,523.
	1947-48. (first 5 months).	923.

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Please see G.O. Ms. No. 1284, Public (Elections) dated 24.5.1948 informing the prorogation of the Legislative Assembly and Council. The papers may be recorded. (It is presumed that the information need not be sent to Madras Legislative Council.

The M.L.C. may be informed by letter.

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Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture) (Sd) K.M.
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A draft letter to Sri. R. Suryanarayana Rao is submitted for approval.

After issue, the papers may be recorded in a G.O. for future reference.

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G.O.Ms.No. 3799 dated 17.7.1948.

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